



## **DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**May 17, 2021**

The Dodge County Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Monday, May 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Room H & I of the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium in the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Allen Behl – District 19, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Jenifer Hedrick– District 22; Annette Thompson – Dodge County School District Superintendent. A quorum of 3 was noted by Chairperson Behl.

**Absent -** Travis Schultz – District 25

**Also present:** Human Development and Relationships Educator, Pattie Carroll; Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Extension Dodge County department lead Tracy Malterer; Dodge County Supervisor/County Board Chair, Russell Kottke;

**Also present via Zoom:** Heidi Johnson, Ag Institute Director for UW-Madison Division of Extension; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Marie Witzel, Positive Youth Development Educator; and Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Hedrick, second by Thompson to approve the April 2021 minutes as printed. Motion approved 3-0.

**REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES:** Review and discussion of the Division of Extension - Dodge County revenues and expenses for March 2021 as presented. Hoffman noted that, in coordination with the Finance department, the County Conservation Aids Grant and the Dodge County Junior Fair allocations have been placed in their own separate fiscal divisions.

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR APRIL 19, 2021 AND FOR CHAIRMAN BEHL'S ATTENDANCE AT THE APRIL 14, 2021 MEETING WITH DODGE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, DODGE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, EXTENSION DODGE COUNTY, DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR:** Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets as listed. Motion by Thompson, second by Hedrick to approve per diems as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF UTILIZING A REGIONAL AGRICULTURE CROPS & SOILS AND DAIRY EXTENSION EDUCATION MODEL:** The Committee heard a presentation on an Ag Regional Educator Model from Heidi Johnson, Division of Extension Ag Institute Director. Motion by Behl, second by Hedrick to approve the utilization of the Regional Crops & Soil Education Model as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RELEASE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JUNIOR FAIR TO THE DODGE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION:** Motion by Hedrick, second by Thompson to approve the release of allocated funds in the amount of \$27,000 for the operation of the Junior Fair to the Dodge County Fair Association. Motion carried 3-0.

**UPDATE ON DIVISION OF EXTENSION FROM AREA DIRECTOR:** Hoffman supported the presentation from Heidi Johnson, Extension Ag Institute Director in moving towards the layering of Extension staff throughout regional areas instead of one general ag educator in each county. Hoffman

outlined the statewide positions in Farm Management, Livestock, Emerging Crops, Horticulture and Master Gardeners. Next steps were discussed with the Committee into moving toward a regional multi-county direction with a Soil Health position.

**SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY EXTENSION EDUCATORS:**

**Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator-** No report, Carroll was excused from the meeting before the educator reports were given.

**Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Educator & Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Coordinator -** Lafler reported virtual lessons with schools in Dodge County were well received. Preparing to start summer programming with various partner agencies in Dodge County. Programming this summer is anticipated to be in person with appropriate COVID precautions in place.

**Marie Witzel, Positive Youth Development Educator –** Marie Witzel reported on teaching at the Wisconsin Joint Council of Extension Professionals conference and the National Positive Youth Development Academy on the Thrive Evaluation that was conducted in Dodge County over the past 2 years. She also shared that Dodge County 4-H families are excited that they can return to in-person programs and meetings. Overnight programs are not yet permitted, so 4-H educators and coordinators close to Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells are working together to provide a day camp program on 3 Saturdays at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center. Youth will explore Blackhawk Island, and the rest of the day is divided into learning about reptiles at the Nature Center, archery and a craft to take home.

**Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator –** Young discussed the programs she is working to develop for the fall and winter of 2021. Young talked about the development of the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) programming she is organizing for the fall of 2021, which will include two locations in Dodge County. This year marks 3 years since roughly 3,000 WI farmers completed a three-year BQA certification and the state's Extension BQA team is planning programming to meet the recertification need. Next, she discussed the planning of a pasture walk series with Area 16 Extension educators which will feature pasture walks in June, July, and early fall.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Education Committee meeting is Monday, June 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allen Behl, Chairperson